

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Combined Lower John Day WSA
Emergency Fire Rehabilitation Plan
and
Environmental Assessment (EA) OR-054-01-023

Prineville District, Bureau of Land Management
Central Oregon Resource Area

Summary of Proposed Action and Alternative

An interdisciplinary team of resource specialists at the Prineville District BLM has analyzed a proposed action to implement an Emergency Fire Rehabilitation Plan consisting of rehabilitation of dozer line, seeding, fence reconstruction, and developed spring reconstruction. Both a second alternative and a no-action alternative were considered.

FONSI Determination

Based on information contained in the EA, and other available information, it is my determination that none of the alternatives would constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. My reasons for this determination are:

- There would be no significant irreversible or irretrievable commitment of resources.
- There would be no significant, adverse impacts to water quality or stream channel morphology.
- There would be no identified impacts or issues related to public health or safety.
- Cultural resources would not be expected to be impacted.
- There would be no impact on Threatened, Endangered or Sensitive plants or animals within the affected area.
- Wetlands and flood plains do not exist in the area, and would therefore not be impacted.
- The proposed action is not part of any other action having potential for cumulatively significant impacts to the important or relevant resource values for the area involved.
- There would be no significant, adverse impacts to the John Day Wild and Scenic River corridor or the Lower John Day Wilderness Study Area.

An Environmental Impact Statement is therefore unnecessary and will not be prepared. The proposed action and alternatives are consistent with the existing Two Rivers Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision, dated (1986), the Record of Decision for the John Day River Management Plan, Two Rivers, John Day, and Baker Resource Management Plan Amendments (2001), and the Interim Management Policy for Lands Under Wilderness Review (1995).

Approved:

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Date